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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1917

Citizens of Morehead City and Beaufort have asked Senator Simmons and Representative Hood to see that Fort Macon is properly fortified.

E. M. Uzzell, practical printer and splendid business man, led his four opponents in the race for the nomination for commissioner of public safety in the primary in Raleigh Monday.

Russia has declared that she will press the war to a finish. That government has had a terrible job on its hands, but if it is able to stand on its feet and at the same time to deliver a blow to the Germans like that Brussiloff put to the Austrians last summer, the war will not continue long.

The announcement of the safe arrival of the French mission, headed by Marshal Joffre, was followed by a cable from Rome that Italy probably will dispatch a mission to the United States. We will reach out a welcome to Italy too, for that little democracy is fighting for us all.

While congress is debating selective draft conscription, the country is trying out the merits of the volunteer plan. The result should be enough to convince any man that the only practical way of securing an army for the present emergency is to secure it by conscription.

Representative Sam Nichols of South Carolina says he has conscientious objections to supporting a bill for selective conscription. Those congressmen who oppose the administration on practically everything have convenient consciences.

They can't beat James Iredell Johnson for mayor of Raleigh, and there is no good reason why they should. He has been on the job all the time and is just as desirous of making Raleigh go forward as any man in the capital city.

One way newspapers have of ascertaining public opinion is to set themselves against the government in a time of crisis. There will be a few to write commendatory letters, but a great crowd will rise up and vent its indignation.

The Episcopal fund has now reached \$7,500,000, and ministers of this denomination no longer be compelled to worry what they will do in old age.

Probably, those German soldiers facing the rain of shell and bullets from the British Tommies would welcome a change with the men in munition factories.

We are to have some big bridges across the Catawba. They will not be built solely for their looks, but structures of this kind had as well be made handsome as well as useful.

Of course if our congressmen do not want to prosecute the war, they are taking the right stand in opposing the selective draft.

WOMEN MUNITION WORKERS ARE SKILLED MECHANICS

(By the Associated Press) London, April 25.—Those who still cling to the idea that the woman munition worker is a mere attendant upon a machine, engaged in repetition work and incapable of taking the place of the skilled artisan, are being given a tangible proof that there are many thousands of women mechanics in the country doing delicate and difficult work that, in times of peace, only the exceptional expert was thought capable of doing.

Engineers agree that the making of a rotary aircraft engine is about as severe a test as exists of skilled artisanship. Such engines are being produced by women. Steel cylinders are exhibited that are machined down to one-thousandth of an inch, and with an accuracy of balance that is reckoned to the fraction of a gramme.

Even greater accuracy is achieved in the various gauges that women workers are making. There is on display one cylinder gauge for a six-inch shell. This gauge had been ground to a limit of three ten-thousandths of an inch. And this is but one exhibit in a whole section devoted to dies, gauges, and tool cutters of every kind.

Not only a few exceptional women have attained this skill, but there is an army of them engaged in all these kind of expert work and earning high wages. And tens of thousands of skilled women artisans have had an apprenticeship of months where men have had years.

GERMAN MINES ALMOST AS SERIOUS AS U-BOATS

London, April 25.—Mines laid in the important British shipping lanes by the German U-boats are proving just as serious a problem to the admiralty as the U-boats themselves. Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, pointed out in a speech this week that "in the olden times the laying of mines was dangerous, but it was nothing then to what it is now, when submarines are employed not only to sink ships, but to lay mines below the surface of the water."

Mines of this character have caused heavy loss in the English channel since the submarine campaign began on February 1, and from the promiscuous way in which these machines were scattered they were much more difficult to deal with than when placed by surface craft in more or less defined areas.

Submarine mines of this character freshly laid, were swept up in the path of the American liner St. Louis. Similar mines, from which it had a providential escape, were found at a place where the St. Louis was anchored for several hours.

During the past two months of ruthless submarining, three British destroyers have been sunk in the English channel by mines.

WHAT JOHN LIND THINKS

Washington Post. This government has nothing seriously to fear from Germans in Mexico, and nothing whatever to fear that the Mexican government will assist Germany," declared former Gov. John Lind of Minnesota, President Wilson's special commissioner to Mexico in 1915 at the Willard.

"There are doubtless Germans in Mexico and moreover there is no doubt that Germans have gone into Mexico from the United States, but they could go nowhere else. They certainly could not have been expected to go to Canada or to Cuba, and they couldn't go to South America or to Germany."

"Carranza is too sensible a man to co-operate with the Germans against the United States. What possible advantage could come to him or Mexico by such a course? Certainly Germany is not a promising prospect just now for any nation to tie to."

Judging by the result in Charlotte the News at least carried the printing office force with it—which is going some, as every newspaper man who has worked on a large sheet will agree.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL

Charlotte, N. C., May 1st and 2nd, 1917. Featured by the Metropolitan orchestra together with several stars of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company.

GERMAN ASSOCIATIONS WANT RUSSIA'S TRADE

(By the Associated Press) Berlin, April 25.—Despite recent events in Russia, German trade associations which were interested in Russian trade before the war are pushing their plans for capturing their share of the after-war trade. All these associations have just combined in the formation of a Russo-German economic committee, under the chairmanship of H. Frederichs of Berlin.

Russian Grand Dukes Surrender Many Acres (By the Associated Press) Petrograd.—The Russian grand dukes, who have just formally turned over their "appanages," or official grants, to the new government, have a great financial sacrifice by this renunciation.

The "imperial appanages," before the serfs were liberated, controlled over 800,000 agricultural laborers. Emperor Paul I, set aside these vast estates for the benefit of the grand dukes because he foresaw the necessity of making the imperial family financially independent of the reigning emperor.

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Fraternal Directory Hickory Lodge, No. 206, I. O. O. F. Brother Odd Fellows invited. Meets every Tuesday night, at 7:30 Degree work every meeting. J. F. JOY, Secretary.

Hickory Lodge No. 343 A. F. & A. M. Regular communication Monday night, April 2, 7:30. Brethren cordially invited to be present. J. W. SHUFORD, W. M. D. T. APPELATE, Sec'y.

Piedmont Council No. 43, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 P. M. All visiting brothers cordially invited. J. H. SIGMON, Councilor W. I. Caldwell, Rec. Sec

Catawba Lodge No. 54 K. of P. Meets every Thursday night. Visiting brethren invited. HUGH D'ANNA, C. C. R. L. HEFNER, K. R. and S.

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